

Daily GLOWBUGS

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Sunday, May 18 1997

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Date: Sat, 17 May 1997 21:41:23 +0000

From: "Brian Carling (Radio G3XLQ / AF4K)" <bry@mnsinc.com>

Subject: Re: HW 16?

On 17 May 97 at 15:30, Ken Gordon spoke about Re: HW 16? and said:

> > >
> > Hi, Leon:
> > Well, for one thing, if it works, you have bought a genuine
> > bargain. I
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> Agreed. It is a neat little rig. I just bought one recently since
> some of my children now want to be hams. (About time!!!)
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Yep, those psycho-cybernetic mental filters work fine for a while,
but you get tired of them after a while if the QRM is hot and heavy!

*** 73 from Radio AF4K / G3XLQ in Gaithersburg, MD USA *
** E-mail to: bry@mnsinc.com *
*** See the great ham radio resources at: *
** <http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/> *

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 00:27:31 -0500 (EST)
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indy.net>
Subject: Dayton!

Hi!

Went to Dayton this afternoon, and spent the whole day walking and talking. Even ran into a few of the gang (Hi, Dave!), but met about as many empty spaces, working from the list. Oh, well. Slept late & didn't arrive 'til 2pm.

Was hoping to find a Sky Buddy, or a Millen 90801. Nope. (At 2pm Sat, Dream On!)

But guess what! I found a Mac! Dear Tom Perrera had a table full of keys, with Tom-type prices (doggone it, he knows the market too well!). I showed up to yack and see if I could fondle some of the nicer ones (he had *three* Cootie keys!), and got a chance to play with a vertical Vibroplex (which works a *lot* better than I would have thought). Was pinin' over the Macs, and lo and behold, he had one sans nameplate and repainted that was within my budget! 'Tis a fine thing--just hope I have time to use it.

Also ended up with a UK WWII-ish key (says something about "8AMP" but I 'spect it's an ID number--and beseems me this critter is sort of the same thing as a J-38 in terms of postwar availability in country of origin), plus a cute "new antique," a NIB key made for USN in '44, and very nice. Can't decide if it was intended as a trainer or a real key or what--has a *jack* for a wedge plug in the side! Solid oval base, most unusual.

That was about it, though I did find a couple of the small-skirt GE/National verniers, as used in the BC-375(?)--somebody here was looking for same and if he still is, lemme know; paid \$5.00 @ for this set. Also a crystal...but not that kind--a nifty semi-fixed galena detecting crystal, 1920s-ish.

Was a good day. Still haven't ever gone inside the buildings at the Dayton Hamvention--they tell me ER & Vibroplex are in there but it's a lot of walking for a few stops and too much solid-state stuff around 'em. ;)

73,
--Bobbi

PS: Once again, the truck drivers on I-70 proved themselves the people I most like to share a highway with--they're rational, predictable and polite (at least while driving). Of course they also laugh profusely at the tiny Suzuki Samuri zipping along at 65+mph--this is good, it's so small they might not see it otherwise! (The power/weight ratio of the Suzuki is about the same as a semi--so I usually end up around trucks).

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 11:17:57 +0000
From: janax@mail.li.icl.se
Subject: Re: Tube H..E..L..P..

> From: Gerald Caouette <ve6nap@oanet.com>

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5719 is an AF triode in an 8 wire submini package. Pinning is:

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Pin numbering is the same as normal sized tubes, bottom view with the
gap down, pin 1 first to left.

Typical operating point:

$V_a = 100V$, $R_k = 1.5k\Omega$, $I_a = 0.73mA$, $S = 1.7mA/V$, $R_i = 41k\Omega$

$\mu = 70$

Max $P_a = 0.55W$, Max $I_k = 3.3mA$, Peak $V_{kf} = 200V$

Heater is 6.3V 0.15A

73

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Jan, SM5GNN

Linkoeping, Sweden

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 11:17:57 +0000

From: janax@mail.li.icl.se

Subject: Re: Glowbugs Archives - let me know if there are problems.

> From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu

> The gunzipper for dos is there (gzip.exe) and is invoked as:

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> gzip -d filename.xxz

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> to make filename.xx.

If you are lazy, copy or rename gzip.exe to gunzip.exe. Invoke as:

gunzip filename.xxz

Clever proggy. It checks what name it was invoked as and if it
finds itself by name gunzip, defaults to "-d". On unix, make
a symbolic link from gunzip to gzip if not already done.

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Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 08:19:51 +0100

From: BOB DUCKWORTH <bob@atl.org>

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wb4mnf

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 08:17:49 -0700 (PDT)

From: Ken Gordon <keng@uidaho.edu>

Subject: Re: 3579 & 7050 funzies

On Sat, 17 May 1997, Brian Carling (Radio G3XLQ / AF4K) wrote:

> Can you tell us about that swap net, Ken?

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It was on 7240 kHz SSB. I heard it yesterday (Saturday). It was in the
afternoon. Don't recomemeber the exact time, but I think it was about
4:30 PM PDT. The NCS was reading from a long list of WTB and WTS stuff.
Mostly modern rice-boxes, but some not. He was operating VOX and was
being broken often. He would then get the two contacts together. I know

a member of this list was looking for a Millen grid-dip meter and there was one offered as the last item in the list. Whoever offered it wanted \$80 for it complete, in the case, with all coils. That is all I know, but I will listen today and see what else I can learn. My SSB rig is broken and I am not really in any real hurry to fix it. I'm having too much fun with the 109!

Ken W7EKB

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 10:29:18 -0500 (CDT)
From: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@admin.aurora.edu>
Subject: Cheap CW filter

I have seen some discussion concerning receiver selectivity and thought I would throw this out for comment. A cheap and easy way to increase selectivity, audio-wise, is to use a series L-C circuit in an audio stage of the receiver. This can be switched across the cathode resistor in an audio stage easily. If the cathode resistor is bypassed with a capacitor, which is usually the case (especially in the power output stage), the cap must be switched out when the L-C circuit is switched in. What I have used in the past is one of the common (used to be common anyway) 88mh toroids popular with the RTTY folks. That in series with about .75uf makes the circuit makes it resonant around 700 Hz.

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CIS: Data / Telecom Aurora University, Aurora, IL
630-844-4898 Fax 630-844-5530

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 08:35:19 -0700 (PDT)
From: Ken Gordon <keng@uidaho.edu>
Subject: Re: HW 16?

Hi!

Thanks for the info!

I have come up with a very easy (to my mind) conversion for the HW-16 to use the receiver VFO for the transmitter, with RIT. If anyone is interested I will send it.

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My PGP Public Key Upon Request.

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From: "Adam, KD6POC" <kd6poc@jps.net>
Subject: Baked On Finishes

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Adam McLaughlin KD6POC
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<http://www.jps.net/jmclaugh>

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 13:10:44 -0400 (EDT)
From: leeb00@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
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Leon B Wiltsey (Lee)
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Yer right, of course, but, except when I was heavy into traffic handling,
I hardly ever used vy narrow selectivity since usually the CW tone chosen
by the manufacturer was too darned high for my liking.

Usually, I avoid situations where the QRM is heavy....Hmmm...do remember
nearly starting an international "incident" when I told a bunch of Cuban
army stations sitting smack on top of 3560 kHz (RN7 net freq) to "get
*****" in Spanish. It seemed to me at the time that they were purposely
QRming us. In any case, the CW really flew back and forth there for a few
minutes. Didn't hear them after that. I was running a pair of 813s at
the time.

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For aluminum, you should first wash it with vinegar to break the oxide coating a bit, then prime it with zinc chromate (kind of a chartreuse color). Can't really advise you on the paint. I use spray enamel from the local hardware store since I don't know where to get wrinkle paint anymore. Then I bake it in wife's oven at about 150 degrees for several hours....when she lets me. There was an article in Hints and Kinks a few years ago about building a "baker" out of an old refrigerator with a hot plate at the bottom.

Ken W7EKB

Date: Sat, 17 May 1997 12:21:46 -0500

From: Ray LaRue <raylarue@gte.net>

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My RCA, 1973 Industrial tube guide, says the RCA direct replacement for
the 7645, is a 6939.
73,
Ray, W4BYG

Date: Sat, 17 May 1997 10:39:03 -0700
From: Ken Lopez <kjlopez@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: 3579 & 7050 funzies

The swap net you heard is the West Coast Swap Service, hosted by
Clarence, W6DFG. It has been on for over twenty years. Saturday and
Sunday, 12:30PM pacific time, 7.240KHz. List three items for sale or
want to buy.

Format: Callsign in phonetics (standard), Name, QTH, Listing, price,
phone number including area code. He is a stickler for the format.
List once per weekend. He reads the list at 3:00PM, and both lists on
Sunday. I have gotten lots of good buys from that list.

Hope that helps,
Ken, N6TZV

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 15:45:50 -0700
From: Gerald Caouette <ve6nap@oanet.com>
Subject: 480 Volt AC time delay relays for sale

I have 6 only

AGASTAT Model 7012L10KN

Time delay on Pick up relays

Adjustable from 1 to 300 Seconds

Coil is 440 Volt AC 60 Cycle

Great industrial control relay

Contacts are rated 20 Amps at 240 VAC
or 12 Amps at 480 VAC

I am offering these for 50.00 U\$ each or take all 6 for 275.00 U\$
Shipping Extra

Email if intrested
to
Gerald Caouette
de
ve6nap@oanet.com

Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 16:27:47 -0700
From: Gerald Caouette <ve6nap@oanet.com>
Subject: 807 equivelents and other tubes 4 sale

I have the following tubes

As I only want a few of these for my own use
I am offering the rest for sale

I have 80 Jan 7645 Twin tetrodes for sale
NIB/NOS in original Westinghouse Boxes
and would like \$ 3.00 U\$ each
or
5 for 12.00
10 for 20.00

I have 100 NIB/NOS JAN 5719 miniature triodes
and would like \$ 2.50 U\$ each
or
5 for \$10.00 U\$
25 for 48.00 U\$
50 for \$90.00 U\$

I still have 700 NIB/NOS JAN 5933 valves
These are a military equivelent to the 807
Same base, pin out and electrical specifications

looking for \$6.00 U\$ each
or
4 for 20.00 U\$
10 for 45.00 U\$
50 for 200.00 U\$ (1 case)
100 for 375.00 U\$ (2 cases)

All prices are in US funds
Shippng costs are extra extra

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From: "Greg Parsons A.K.A. Rat" <gregp@MIS.Net>
Subject: Re: Baked On Finishes

Hello gang,

You could do like I have for some small stuff, spray epoxy, it comes in a can and you can find it at hobby shops that deal with RC planes, Red Baron brand seems to work best for me. One problem, 48 hour drying time, and they do mean 48 hours!

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ke4ooo

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Greg Parsons	KE4000	gregp@mis.net	gregp@lfucg.com
AMI #865	DoD 862	Who has the coffee? Better yet, who has the Ale8one?	
NRA Life, SCCA, SCA		http://www.stdio.com/~gregp	http://www.lfucg.com

"Religiones antiquae et arma ridiculae non comparant cum
bono telo eruptionis igneae latero te, puer." Hanno Solare

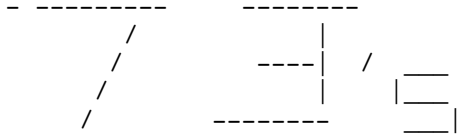
Date: Sun, 18 May 1997 20:09:09 -0400
From: Adam Liette <kb8ydx@geocities.com>
Subject: 6m Glowbug

Hello. Anyone have a diagram of a simple Glowbug fer 6m?
I'd like to try one.

TNX ES CUL

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